proceedings of the High Court having its principal seat in that State, provided that decrees judgement or orders passed by the High Court shall be in English. Under Section 7 of the Official Language Act, 1963, the use of Hindi or official language of a State in addition to English may be authorised with consent of the President of India by the Governor of the State for the purpose of judgements etc. made by the High Court for that State.

When the matter of use of Hindi in addition to English in the proceedings and judgements of the High Courts situated in the Union Territories was being examined, the question arose as to whether the above provisions of the Constitution and the Official Language Act, wherein the term "Governor of a State" has been used, are applicable to the Union Territories also. The Ministry of Law and Justice opined that these provisions do not apply to the Union Territories as the term 'Governor' does not include "Lt. Governor" or "Administrator" of the Union Territories.

**Backward Areas in Maharashtra**

1190. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the districts which have been declared as backward areas by the Union Government in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of concessions given by Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act for such industries which are situated in these areas; and

(c) the details of fund earmarked by the Union Government for 1995-96 and 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra and the achievements or progress made by these industries so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No district in Maharashtra has been declared backward by the Union Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Restructuring of R.R.Bs**

1191. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Regional Rural Banks earning profits and incurring losses separately, as on date, State-wise together with the reasons for the losses;

(b) whether the Government propose to restructure or revamp some Regional Rural Banks; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and the particulars of such Banks, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The State-wise details of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) earning profit and incurring losses (latest available) are summarised in enclosed statement-I. The reasons for losses inter-alia include high establishment cost, low margins, low business volumes relative to branch network and poor recoveries.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to revamp the RRBs on 'Stand Alone' basis. Accordingly, 49 and 53 RRBs have been provided a total amount of Rs.150 crores and Rs.223.57 crores respectively during 1994-95 and 1995-96 by Government of India. The State-wise details of RRBs taken up for restructuring during 1994-95 and 1995-96 are enclosed in Statement-II and Statement-III.

**STATEMENT-I**

*State-wise Details of RRBs Earnings Profits/incurring Losses during 1994-95*

| S.No. | Name of State | No. of RRBs | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Earning Profits | Incurring Losses |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7 | 9 |
| 2. | Aurnachal Pradesh | - | 1 |
| 3. | Assam | - | 5 |
| 4. | Bihar | - | 22 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 1 | 8 |
| 6. | Haryana | - | 4 |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | 1 | 1 |
| 8. | Jammu & Kashmir | - | 3 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 5 | 8 |
| 10. | Kerala | 2 | - |
| 11. | Manipur | - | 1 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | - | 24 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 1 | 9 |
| 14. | Mizoram | - | 1 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 1 | - |
| 16. | Nagaland | - | 1 |
| 17. | Orissa | - | 9 |
| 18. | Punjab | 2 | 3 |
| 19. | Rajasthan | - | 14 |
| 20. | Tamil Nadu | - | 3 |
| 21. | Tripura | - | 1 |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 12 | 28 |
| 23. | West Bengal | - | 9 |
| | Total | 32 | 164 |